THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

**Restrictions on Indian Imports by Bangladesh**

5861. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM:
SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Bangladesh has imposed some procedural restrictions on Indian imports;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether the exports have been affected at large due to restrictions imposed by Government of Bangladesh; and

(d) if so, the further reaction of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) No such restrictions have come to Government's notice.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

**Study by IIFT Regarding Joining Indian Ocean Trade Block**

5862. SHRI O.P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether an independent study conducted by the Indian Institute of Foreign Trade has favoured India joining the proposed Indian Ocean Trade Block for a preferential trading arrangement;

(b) if so, the names of the other Indian ocean countries which are likely to join this venture; and

(c) details of the preferential trading arrangement proposed to be made and how India is likely to be benefited thereby?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The study was with special reference to the 10 Littoral countries namely, Comoros, India, Maldives, Madagascar, Mauritius, Mozambique, Reunion Islands Seychelles, Sri Lanka and South Africa.

Other Indian Ocean Rim countries include Baharain, Bangladesh, Indonesia, Iran, Kenya, Kuwait, Oman, Pakistan, Singapore, Thailand, UAE, Austrialia etc. Since the entire exercise is in a nascent stage, it is too early to indicate the likely membership or the trading arrangements or the precise benefits accruing to us.

**आयातों और निर्यातों की वृद्धि-दरें**

5863. **श्री कनकसिंह मोहनसिंह मंगरोला:**
**चौधरी हरमोहन सिंह:**

क्या वाणिज्य मंत्री 20 मार्च, 1995 को राज्य सभा में अतारांकित प्रश्न 870 के दिये गये उत्तर को देखेंगे और यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान भारत के आयात और निर्यात की वृद्धि दर कितनी-कितनी रही है?

वाणिज्य मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री पी० चिदम्बरम्): व्यापार संबंधी आंकड़े वित्तीय वर्ष के आधार पर संकलित किए जाते हैं। वर्ष 1992-93, 1993-94 तथा 1994-95 के दौरान भारत के आयात और निर्यात की वृद्धि दर डालर के रूप में नीचे दी गयी है:—

| | निर्यात (% वृद्धि) | आयात (% वृद्धि) |
|---|---|---|
| 1992-93 | 3.8 | 12.7 |
| 1993-94 | 20.0 | 6.5 |
| 1994-95* | 18.3 | 21.7 |

*अनंतिम आंकड़ों के आधार पर